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Protestants Ask Reopening Of Closed Columbian Schools

BOGOTA (RNS)—Protestants on San Andres and Providencia Islands have petitioned the Ministry of Education to order the reopening of five denominational schools closed March 1 by the government inspector of schools there.

The petition said the people of San Andres and Providencia "are predominantly Protestant and have been so for generations" and therefore the islands cannot be regarded as a Roman Catholic mission territory.

Under a ruling issued in January by the Interior Ministry, Protestant missionaries are barred from performing any public missionary or education work in Catholic mission territories except for children of non-Catholic foreigners.

The petition urged that the government appoint an impartial committee to study the whole problem of education on the islands which

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May Designated As Stewardship Enlistment Time

May has been designated as "Church Commitment Month" for Stewardship Revival, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, when every church in the state will be urged to commit itself during the month to observe Christian Stewardship Week with a Stewardship Revival or School of Stewardship, it has been announced by Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

The Baptist Record will publish a special Stewardship Week issue June 17 and all churches that have been committed by May 31 will be listed by Associations.

The picture of every associational stewardship chairman whose association is 100 percent in commitment will be carried in the issue.

To date 58 of the 75 associations have elected stewardship chairman and those will be active during the month in helping to enlist all churches in their association.

ABC Days-Ask God-Believe Him-Commit Thy Ways-will feature Stewardship Week this Fall and alternate plans are suggested.

Plan A is a School of Stewardship—the same Plan as used last year and is suggested for those churches that did not observe the week.

Plan B is a Stewardship Revival with a suggested program of sermons special study and visitation.

Each church committing itself will be asked to check which plan it will use.

Commitment cards to be returned to the Director of Promotion, Box 530, Jackson, along with suggested information on the 2 Plans will be mailed to all pastors early in May.

2 Mississippians To Be On Rural Life Program

Two Mississippians will have prominent parts on the first Convention-wide Rural Life Leadership Conference in history to be held at the First Church in Decatur, Ga., May 11-14.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, will speak at the opening session Tuesday afternoon, on "Twenty-Five Years of the Future," and will preside over the Tuesday night session.

Rev. Troy Prince, pastor of the Carthage Church, will speak Thursday morning on "The Pastor in a Rural Community."

Rev. Martin Gilbert, Rural Church Work secretary, urges every rural pastor planning to attend to get his reservation in at the earliest possible moment, as the number receiving free rooms and breakfast, will be limited to 2500.

For this particular conference pastors of churches in towns of 2500 or under are considered rural pastors and urged to attend.

James Rogers Is Elected BSU Head

James Rogers, of Cleveland, student at Delta State College was elected president of the State Baptist Student Union Council at the annual State Baptist Student Union Officers Retreat at Cleveland last weekend. 20 college campuses were represented with an attendance of nearly 300.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes of Jackson, speaking on the Retreat theme of "May God Depend on You," declared God can depend on "those who have had a fresh vision of God."

Going further, Dr. Rhodes, pastor of Jackson's Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, said "He can depend on those who do not treat lightly their own sin as well as the sin of others, sin is a depth problem and must have a depth cure."

"God depends on those whom He commissions, the voice of God must be heard again. 'The command of God calls away from comfort."

"God can depend on the person who thinks His task is important, not on the one who considers himself." (Continued On Page Nine)

New Missionaries To The Indians



REV. HORACE FISCHER



MRS. HORACE FISCHER

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Fischer, of Medicine Mound, Texas, have accepted the posts of Southern Baptist Missionaries to the Indians in Mississippi, it has been announced by Dr. Loyd Corder, Atlanta, secretary of Direct Missions of the Home Mission Board.

They will make their home in Philadelphia and will succeed Rev. W. W. Simpson, former missionary. They will move on the field May 12.

Rev. Mr. Fischer is student-pastor of the First Church of Medicine Mound and will receive the B. D. degree in May from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Previously he served as pastor of churches in Sanco, Mitchell, and Cisco, Texas.

Mrs. Fischer attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. The Fischers have three children, ages, 9, 7, and 5.

The missionaries will work in cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, as the Board has for several years made a supplementary allocation to the Indian work in the state.

Most of the Indians live in the Philadelphia-Carthage-Newton area. The New Choctaw Baptist Association, composed of 11 Indian churches and located in the area, is affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

What Baptists Believe About Salvation

By REV. CLARENCE PALMER

There is no eternal important doctrine of the Bible that is so sadly and tragically misunderstood and hurtfully perverted as is the doctrine of salvation. The word salvation is a rather comprehensive word that denotes all the redeeming acts of God's infinite grace. It is safe to assert that no one can fully appreciate the fullness of the joy of salvation without having adequate conception of the meaning of salvation.

After all, the pertinent question is, what is salvation? First, salvation is a work, but a work of God's grace. This work is done once for all, it can never be done over; neither can it be undone. This interpretation applies specifically to the new birth or regeneration.

Second, salvation is a deliverance from and a victory over our sins.

Third, salvation is a deliverance of man's entire personality from sin's guilt and power, including both man's soul and body, and



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also man's habitat, the earth on which he lives, from the curse pronounced upon it originally as a consequence of Adam's sin. The soul is saved by the blood of the

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SOUTHERN SENATORS SPONSOR CLERGY SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE PLAN

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Social security coverage of clergymen on a purely voluntary basis is provided in a bill introduced in the Senate here by five Democratic Senators from the South.

The plan it proposes is similar to that recommended by representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention at a recent hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee on Administration-sponsored legislation to extend social security coverage to groups now outside the program.

Co-sponsors of the new bill are Sens. Lister Hill and John J. Sparkman of Alabama, James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Russell Long of Louisiana and Spessard L. Holland of Florida.

Senator Hill said the group opposes compulsory features of the Administration legislation and feels the voluntary formula is the most workable method of meeting the needs of America's diverse religious groups. Many of these, he said, do not recognize an employer-employee relationship with their clergy and have strong feelings in regard to separation of Church and State.

The group's bill (S. 3278) would provide that any duly ordained, commissioned or licensed minister of a church may at any time file with the Social Security Administrator a certification that he desires the insurance coverage established by the Social Security Act.

The certificate would be operative during the first tax year after its filing and would continue in

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Severing Of Relations Of Protestant School, County System Urged

Frankfort, Ky. (RNS)—Severing of relations between a Protestant institution at Oneida, Ky., and a county public school system was urged by the Kentucky Free Public School Committee here "in the interests of protecting the principle of Church-State separation."

The committee is the Kentucky affiliate of Protestants and Other Americans—United for Separation of Church and State.

A resolution adopted by the committee said that Oneida Institute, the Protestant school, had entered into a contract with the Clay County School board providing that the institute furnish space for classes of the local elementary school in exchange for transportation of institute pupils "on a permanent basis."

The committee called upon officials of the institute and the county school system to end this relationship. It urged:

That county officials plan "immediately" to provide housing for the public elementary school "separate from any religious institution."

That Oneida Institute make arrangements to transport its students in non-public buses.

That the elementary school principal "make provision for chapel services completely independent of those of Oneida Institute."

The resolution praised Oneida

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What Baptists Believe

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Lamb of God, regenerated by the power of God, born from above, transformed, redeemed here and now while the body will eventually at the resurrection be saved, fashioned like unto his glorious body, when it will put off its weakness and put on power, put off its mortality and is immortalized. Ultimately this physical world or earth would undergo a purgation by fire and will be saved from the curse and pollution of sin that is now upon it.

Fourth, salvation has for its source the grace of God, has for its ground the blood of Christ and has for its means faith in the Christ, and has for its end entire conformity to and likeness of, the Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Fifth, salvation is something that has at a definite time and place occurred, it is now taking place in those who are born again and it will be consummated in the other world. We were saved when regenerated, an act never to be undone or done over; we are today being saved from the power, habit, life, love of sin and then we shall be saved in that we shall have saved and redeemed bodies, shall be without any proclivity to sin and shall be in entire conformity to the moral and spiritual likeness of the Master. This latter, will, of course, take place not before the death, but after death. We are now working out the in-wrought salvation, we grow in grace, not into grace. The Psalmist said, "I shall be satisfied when I wake with thy likeness."

Salvation in its initiation is regeneration. Salvation in its continuation is sanctification. Salvation in its consummation is glorification.

Salvation is so broad and comprehensive in its scope that God saw it to be wise to use a number of words in the New Testament to convey adequately a fully orbed meaning of salvation. In all probability no one of these words exhaustingly defines or describes salvation in all its implication, and applications. God chose to employ the words deliverance, regenerated, born from above, redeemed, justified, reconciled, ransomed, adopted, atoned, translated, and sanctified to indicate the full measure of what salvation is and what it produces.

There are in the main only three conceivable theories or views as to how salvation becomes possible of attainment; namely, first, it is of God's grace altogether; second, it consists of man's merit and good works, third, it is a combination and consolidation of God's grace and man's merit. Basically and Biblically the second and third conceptions are radically wrong. Without hesitation we say the more dangerous and insidious doctrine of these two is that man is saved by Christ with a plus. In other words, man is saved partly by Christ and partly by himself. Whereas the word of God states definitely that salvation is a gift in its entirety. It is worthy of note and incessant gratitude hat all people who hold to the position that we are saved by the grace of God without an admixture of grace and works also believe in the security of the saved. Since our salvation originated in the

Protestants Ask

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lie just off the Nicaraguan coast but are Colombian possessions.

Among the proposals made by the Protestants were that public schools on the islands be put on a lay basis with all teachers and inspectors laymen or lay women, that "full freedom of religion" be permitted in matters of education and that permission to continue bi-lingual (English and Spanish) instruction be granted.

The petition said that Colombian President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla had publicly stated on a recent visit to the islands that the inhabitants of San Andres and Providencia "will never be molested, because of their religious beliefs."

Closing of the Protestant schools has imposed a hardship upon "a great number" of the island children who cannot reach the public schools because of their distance and the difficulties of travel in the islands, the petition said.

"These schools have made it possible for all of the islanders to become literate—a unique distinction for any community in Colombia," it said. "They have performed a valuable service for the nation: many of their former students now occupy positions of responsibility in the life of the community as doctors, nurses, businessmen, accountants and the like."

The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia said in a recent bulletin that seven primary day schools on the islands were closed on March 1, three of them operated by congregations affiliated with the (U.S.A.) Southern Baptist Mission and four by the Seventh-day Adventists.

"Baptist work was started in the islands over 100 years ago," it said. "The Adventists began their ministry in the two islands almost 40 years ago."

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Severing Of Relations

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Institute for its "great contribution to the spiritual and educational development of the people of Kentucky" and asked that it "maintain its place of service while, at the same time, protecting the principle of separation of Church and State."

The situation at Oneida was disclosed during an investigation launched last fall by the POAU affiliate after it had instituted a court suit charging similar relationships between public and Roman Catholic educational officials in five Kentucky counties.

Prof. Denton Coker, of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is head of the investigating group.

mind, heart, love, foreknowledge of the omnipotent God, since it has proceeded from the omnipotent God and since it continues to come from the omnipotent God, we can claim logically and spiritually that the omnipotent God will never take it from us nor shall we take it from him.

This salvation is, great because it came from God, its author, it is free, it is simple, it is satisfying, the innate craving of the heart, it is offered to everybody, it lasts forever.

Newly-Elected Officers Of State BSU Council

Shown above are the officers of the State BSU Council elected last Saturday at the State Retreat for officers held at Delta State College, Cleveland, with First Baptist Church of Cleveland cooperating. Seated, left to right: James Rogers, Delta State, president; Joe Thomas Odle, Miss. College, stewardship chairman; Jimmy Bishop, Pearl River Junior College, program chairman; and Bryant Reed, Miss. State, enlistment chairman. Standing, left to right: Marjorie Hood, Holmes Junior College, YWA chairman; Mary Bickerstaff, Ole Miss, devotional chairman; Patty Huddleston, Blue Mountain, extension chairman; June Brigance, Woman's College, music chairman; Martha Darby, Jones Junior College, social chairman; and Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr., Mississippi Southern College, Student Director Representative. Officers not shown in the picture are listed in feature story elsewhere in this week's Record.

Baptist Chrches Sponsor Baseball Broadcasts

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS)—The broadcasts of big league professional baseball games are being heard here this season under the sponsorship of a church group instead of a brewery, as in former years.

In a precedent-setting action, the Long Run Association of Baptists, a fellowship of 120 churches and missions in the Louisville

area, contracted to underwrite radio station WGRC's costs for carrying the Mutual Broadcasting System's Monday-through-Saturday "Game of the Day" program.

Rev. Ben F. Mitchell, superintendent of missions, said the association will sublease time on the program to advertisers "whom we consider in harmony with the principles for which we stand."

In March, Lieut. Gov. Clarence H. Reid of Michigan suggested

that church and temperance groups in that state "take the play away from the breweries" by raising an advertising fund of their own to sponsor television broadcasts of baseball games and boxing bouts.

His suggestion was made during consideration of a bill, subsequently killed in the legislature, to ban dramatized beer and wine advertising from television screens in the state.

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VBS--- Important Activity

A couple of centuries ago large numbers of children played and screamed and fought in the streets of London. A man called Robert Raikes could hear them through his office window and he made a plan that would give those children something to do besides screaming and fighting. He started the first Sunday-School movement. That movement later spread to America.

The Vacation Bible School is a part of our Sunday School work. It reaches thousands of children for Christ each summer.

The first vacation school on record was held in 1866 in Boston. Illinois and Wisconsin were next to adopt the idea. In 1901 the Epithany Baptist Church in New York City instituted a summer religious school. The man credited with getting the idea rolling there was Dr. Robert G. Boville. The school in New York enrolled nearly 1,000 children in a program of worship, Bible study, handicraft, recreation, and health study.

Southern Baptists took us the idea in the 1920's. The Sunday School Board began promoting the schools and distributing literature in 1925. They are an integral part of our program now.

The season for Vacation Bible School again approaches. In thousands of churches this summer—city, suburban, village, country and town—Vacation Bible Schools will be held. It is not too much to hope that every Baptist church in the state will have a VBS this summer. Mission schools should be conducted in many neglected areas.

Articles on Vacation Bible Schools were news in times past. But the VBS movement is now so widespread that it is news if a church doesn't have one. A VBS is the usual thing. The Baptist Record will not have space to publish articles or lists of the faculty of Vacation Bible Schools. We will be glad to have articles if something more than the usual occurs. A photo can be used if it shows something of special interest. The sender pays for the cut.

All VBS's are asked to mail a postal card at the close of the school showing the enrollment and the amount of the offering. These will be published at the end of each month. The style will be the same as the Sunday School attendance which now appears regularly in the Baptist Record.

It is vitally important that each Baptist do his share in promoting Vacation Bible Schools because the Vacation Bible School strengthens leadership, prepares new leaders, provides real experiences of worship, teaches the Bible ef-

fectively, inculcates a love for beautiful music, teaches missions and stewardship, offers a balanced program of activities, gives boys and girls the happiest weeks of the year, reaches non-Sunday School pupils and their parents and friends, enriches the life of the pastor, and most important of all, wins boys and girls to Christ.

Prepay College Tuition

By way of an editorial by Marse Grant, editor of North Carolina's Charity and Children (Orphanage newspaper) we learned that a plan for prepaid tuition whereby parents or others may pay in advance for college expenses of future students has been approved by the presidents of Baptist colleges in Texas.

We want to commend such a plan to Mississippi.

Under the Texas plan, payments toward tuition and any other expenses of future students may be made and the interest will be credited to the account. The interest is guaranteed to be at least five per cent per year.

As a safeguard of the funds, if a student fails to enroll in the school the deposit with the earned interest will be refunded. It is simply an extension of the insurance idea. Many people have hospital insurance to take care of any future health needs. Others take out endowment insurance for educational purposes. We think that such a plan could and should be promoted by colleges.

It not only has merit as a means of making the financial burden easier when the future pupil arrives at college but it will

increase interest in the college. Any boy or girl knowing that their parents were laying up a fund for them to attend a particular college would naturally become more interested in that college.

We Need Cooperation

We have oftentimes called attention, and again do it most emphatically, to the fact that the Baptist Record is not interested in second-hand news. Hardly a day passes but that we receive a clipping from some newspaper accompanied by cuts that are not suitable in size for the Baptist Record. We ask our readers not to send us any more of such material.

If anything is worth printing in the Baptist Record, as well as in the local paper, the Baptist Record is entitled to the same treatment that the local paper gets. When people put something in their local paper and then clip it and send it to the Baptist Record it takes at least two weeks and sometimes longer to get it into the Baptist Record. That puts us in a bad light. People read it in the local paper and then many days later read it in the Baptist Record and immediately think about how slow the Baptist Record folks are.

In the second place, cuts suitable for the large size pages of daily and county papers are sometimes too large for the space available in the Baptist Record. When such oversize or off-size cuts are received it requires correspondence to get the matter straightened out. This causes delay.

We plead:

1. That news be sent to us when it is news and not after it



has been published elsewhere.

2. That people desiring to send cuts send a photograph and let us plan the cut for the space available.

3. That when photographs are sent that the sender state to whom the bill should be sent for having the cut made. Otherwise, it requires a letter and a delay.

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McDermott Makes A Good Suggestion

At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, one of the lecturers was Mr. W. F. McDermott, Chicago. Mr. McDermott was for many years religious editor of the Chicago Daily News, and has had wide experience as a writer. Many of his articles have been published in the Reader's Digest, Collier's, and other nationwide magazines. His suggestion is:

Put your Baptist Record in racks in all bus stations and railway stations. Many travelers pick one up and read it and if there is anything in it worth while he will be helped.

We pass this on to our readers. We urge our churches to order extra copies of the Record and place them in these public places. You'll always find Catholic and Christian Science literature in such places.

Our Readers Write

To the Editor:

Although not a Baptist I often read the Baptist Record through the courtesy of a friend. I also read many other religious periodicals. None of them measure up to the Baptist Record in vital, up-to-the-minute information, as well as inspiration. I appreciate reading about what you Baptists are doing, and I also appreciate the fact that you keep up with what some others are doing and trying to do. It seems to me that your paper is free from bias and silly prejudice.

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QUOTES FROM THE PROGRAM

MARGARET FUND: "Today we have an opportunity to express our love and appreciation to the Missionary parents whose greatest sacrifice is being separated from sons and daughters who must remain in this country for their education."

Three of these students have been in college in Mississippi during this school year. Lolete Dotson, whose parents serve as missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, graduated at mid-term from Blue Mountain College. Martha Maer, whose parents serve in Chile and Mary Jacob, whose parents served in China are also students at Blue Mountain College.

One of the means by which you may assist in kingdom building is in love manifest to these young people, many of whom will one day be Missionaries around the world."

AGED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF AGED MINISTERS: "There are a few more than fifty on our list and others are added from time to time. The money we give today in our W. M. S. Special Day offering will help make possible the sending of a check to each of these on his or her birthday and also a "gratitude check" to each at Thanksgiving."

"Yes, we say peace of mind and a few material things of life, Love gifts, an offering, from you and me, for him and his beloved wife."

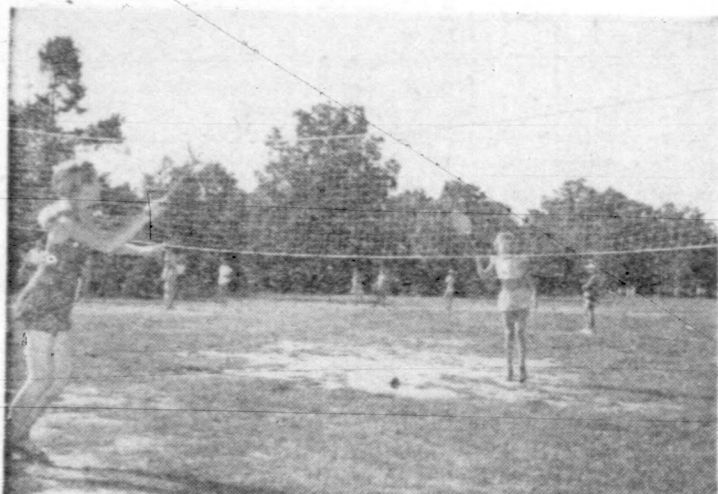
So to God's chosen ones whose lives have been set apart, We gladly give of our offerings and prayers for happy peaceful hearts."

CAMP GARAYWA: "Each of us should already have become conscious of the many ways in which Garaywa opens doors to Christian service to boys; to girls; to young women—and to grown up W. M. S. members!"

We need to talk Garaywa, to pray for Garaywa; to avail ourselves of the opportunities at Garaywa; to give that we may keep Garaywa adequate and attractive. For Garaywa is one of the very best mission investments we have in Mississippi.

That is why we must keep on building with faith, keep on giving our money, our time, our prayers. We must keep Camp Garaywa—as it was back in 1947 when we first built it—dedicated to missions for the Master. It must continue in the purpose it has had through the years to be a memorial unto the children forever—turning their hearts to God—their eyes to the need—their hands to the gift—and themselves to the going."

PLAY AT CAMP



Camp Garaywa truly offers a wonderful time of recreation and play, for it is remembered that "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine"! Though not limited to any particular time of day, camp recreation could be mentioned as follows:

MID-MORNING: In the midst of group meetings and assemblies, **FREE TIME** each morning is enjoyed by all. During this time there are soft ball, shuffle board and ping pong tournaments . . . by cabins. Other girls are free to engage in other games . . . or just play around at will.

ALL AFTERNOON: Following **QUIET HOUR**, the entire afternoon is given over to recreation and handicraft. At this time most of the cabin tournaments are played off. The swimming pool is open all afternoon and girls take turns, by cabins, in order that the pool not be over-crowded.

AFTER-SUPPER FUN: Between the evening meal and the night service, Junior girls enjoy a period of fun . . . outdoor games, indoor table games, group fellowship, etc.

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Everett Gill, Jr. Dies April 25 After Brief Illness



DR. EVERETT GILL, JR.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., 52, secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board, died on April 25 in a Richmond hospital from heart failure and related complications.

Funeral services were held Tuesday April 27, at First Church, Richmond.

Dr. Gill was born in Hannibal, Mo., on July 31, 1901. When he was one year old, the family moved to Louisville, Ky., where his father, Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., had been called to the pastorate of a church. Most of his childhood was spent in Italy where his father served as a missionary.

Everett Gill entered the ministry the summer following graduation from William Jewell college.

He received the Th.M. and Ph.D., degrees from Southern Seminary after which he did a year of graduate work at the Divinity School of the University of Edinburgh.

After accompanying his father to various mission fields, including the Balkans, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Greece, and Italy he accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Marshall, Mo. Seven years later he accepted a call to the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans.

Then in 1941 the Foreign Mission Board called him to become its secretary for Latin America.

In 1941 when Dr. Gill became secretary there were only 37 mission stations in Latin America; today there are 77. In 1941 there were 169 missionaries; today, 389. In 1941 there were 873 Baptist churches; today there are 1,531. Membership in the churches has increased from 75,265 to more than 150,000.

Dr. Gill is survived by his widow, Rachel Truex Gill, and their three children: Elizabeth who is completing her master's degree in piano and organ at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston; Everett III, of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Cherry Point, N. C.; and Jane Rachel, a senior at Westhampton College, Richmond; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr., Wake Forest, N. C., a brother, Harrison Gill, Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Sims, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Brewer Church Has Revival Meeting

Rev. Haskel Mathis, a ministerial student at Miss. Woman's College, assisted Pastor Judson Chastain in a meeting at the Brewer Church. There were two rededications and one profession of faith. The singing was led by Miss Pat Pinson.

A new addition to the Brewer Baptist Church building, already in use, provides room for a church kitchen and four new Sunday School rooms. With its new extension department, the Sunday School has already reached and passed its quota for the "Million More in '54" campaign.

Recently it has added a systematized rotation plan for its deacons, at their request. Accepting the plan proposed by Deacon J. C. Smith, who is the oldest deacon in the church, he and Deacon Ruben Burnett were retired from the active duty list for a year, after which they will both be eligible for re-election to the active list.

Last Sunday the church elected two new deacons to serve for a period of years in active work: Edward Elliott, now serving as Brotherhood president, and Willis J. Sanderson, now serving as S. S. Supt.

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New Harpersville Pastor



REV. JAMES FANCHER

Rev. James Fancher will begin his pastorate at Harpersville May 9. For the past 17 months he has been pastor of the First Church in Portola, Cal. During this time there have been 82 additions, 51 by baptism. A pastor's home was purchased and improved. Four additional educational rooms were provided. In October, 1953 he helped in organizing the churches in his area into the Feather River Association, which is California's newest.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

New Version Question

My church has split over the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. When the new literature came out with the picture of the new version on the back of one of the quarterlies our church went wild and voted out the whole Training Union literature. Our pastor led in the movement and the church voted not to send any more mission money.

Many have already left. Should I get my letter and go to another church? I am associational Training Union director so it puts me on quite a spot.

Answer:

God must be long suffering to put up with His churches. It is nothing short of a tragedy that churches quarrel over which translation to read while the unchurched do not read any. But as Dr. J. D. Gray has brilliantly said, "They used to burn the translators but now they only burn the translations."

No, I don't think I would leave. That is, if God gives you the grace to stay. Only religion can reform religion; and if you stay and love these people, the next pastor may lead them back into a humble, reasonable path.

Personally, I do not subscribe to any one version of the Bible. God speaks to me through many of them—even the new versions—and I try to follow Him. That seems to me more important than fighting someone who disagrees with me.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Gordon Sansing, The Mississippi Baptist Wit, will conduct a fun session after each meal at the Brotherhood Encampment, July 9-10. His part on the program is labeled "Monkey Business." Plan now to attend and hear a lot of old jokes.

MEN ON THE MARCH ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THEM?

With a proper beginning, a complete organization, an active executive committee and an aggressive program of work, men of the Brotherhood surely can reach the goal, "A Million Men for Christ." The challenge is before us!

Bethel Church Has Homecoming Day

Bethel Church in Pearl River Association dedicated its educational annex "debt-free" on its recent Homecoming Day. Rev. Dewitt T. Evans, former pastor of Bethel, brought the homecoming message. It was under his leadership that the annex was begun.

The Sunday School has reached the Standard for 1953-54 and now has a departmentalized school. It is the first Sunday School in the Pearl River Association to reach the Standard. Plans are now under way for adding more educational space.

Since October 1, 1953, there have been 36 additions to the church.

Bethel was one of the 23 churches in the association to cooperate in the Simultaneous county-wide revival April 6-11. There were eight additions: four by letter and four for baptism. Rev. Wyatt M. Gilbert of Lavonia, Georgia, was the evangelist; Charles Barker, Jr. music-educational director of the church, led the music.

The Sunday School set a goal for 250. There were 273 in attendance, breaking all records in the history of the church. Rev. Tom L. Pfeiffer of Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, brought the homecoming message. He inaugurated the homecoming at Bethel in April, 1947 at which time he was the pastor. Rev. James B. Carpenter is the pastor.



ROY COLLUM

Shown above is Roy Collum, pastor, Liberty Baptist Church. He is to be the Camp Fire Speaker at the Brotherhood Encampment July 9-10. Make your plans now to attend.

Broadmoor Church Has Successful Revival

The Broadmoor Church of Gulfport, Rev. J. D. Aycock, pastor, held its revival April 11-18. There were 60 decisions for Christ. Rev. Fred Williams was the evangelist. The Easter morning services resulted in forty-one decisions for Christ. After the morning services a sumptuous meal was enjoyed on the church lawn.

Sunday School records are broken almost every Sunday at Broadmoor. The Sunday School is working on its third twenty per-cent increase in enrollment, with a goal of 400 by October 1.

At the evening services on Easter Sunday, the choir, under the direction of Paul Shafer, minister of music, presented the Easter Gantata, "Sunrise Over Calvary."

—BR—
Dr. W. Perry Claxton, pastor First Baptist Church, Greenville, is currently preaching a series of sermons on "Christian Love, Courtship and Marriage" leading up to Christian Home Week observance in the church May 16-22.

NEW CENTER HILL CHURCH, LEAKE COUNTY



Shown above is the new Center Hill Church in Leake County. Rev. Lewis Shoemaker is the pastor.

Immanuel Hattiesburg Has Good Revival

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, closed a 15 day revival on Easter, led by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, state director of evangelism. Roland Boyd, Evans, Georgia, was the singer for the second week. David Larrimore, minister of music at the church, had charge of the music during the first week. The campaign was part of the Lebanon Association Crusade for Christ which was led by Dr. Wilbanks and in which 27 of the 35 churches in the association participated.

The Immanuel services drew large crowds all through the meeting, climaxing on Easter Sunday when there 427 in Sunday School. Over a hundred people walked down the aisle to register some decision that they had reached. Besides 77 rededications there were 21 candidates for baptism, 9 that moved letters and 3 others who professed faith in Christ. Rev. R. Elmer Nielsen is pastor of the church.



REV. W. G. BEAM

Shown above is Rev. W. G. Beam, pastor, Trinity Church, Itawamba County, who has led in three revivals this spring. At Golden in Tishomingo County, there were 10 professions of faith and two additions by letter. There were 33 professions at the Golden School. At Cross Roads, Tishomingo County, there were 6 professions. At Bethany, Itawamba County, there were 9 professions of faith and one addition by letter.

—BR—
The 1954 annual meeting of the Education Commission and the Southern Association of Baptist colleges and schools is set for Nashville, June 24-25.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Three months are left in our crusade for "A Million More in '54." What you and I and thousands of other teachers do in these next ninety days might spell the difference between success and failure.

I write this open letter to present two appeals to you:

1. If the campaign is not already well under way in your church, won't you take the initiative in finding and bringing into your church every prospect in your community?

Your church-elected position makes this an appropriate step for you and gives authority to what you say.

2. If your church has accepted a goal and worked toward its achievement, won't you stop now and take inventory of what has been accomplished? Building on what you have done, won't you make plans for redoubled efforts for the next three months?

Let me be even more specific and suggest a pattern that you:

- (1) Know your possibilities by name, age, and location.
- (2) Organize by departments and classes in terms of your possibilities (never just on the basis of present attainments).
- (3) Go out after all possibilities—through a vital program of visitation calling for definite assignments, regular reports, and sustained follow-up.

In the words of Paul to his fellow-Christians, may I urge that you "now complete the doing also; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability."

Yours for "A Million More in '54,"
W. E. Holcomb, Chairman of Sunday School Teachers "A Million More in '54" Committee

LEST WE FORGET

John T. Sisemore
It is easy to drift into practices which destroy both the spirit and the effectiveness of our work. This is particularly noticeable when we let the means become the end.

Lest we forget, in providing training schools the end can soon become "having another study course," or getting a few awards rather than providing a comprehensive program of training.

Some of the so-called "short-cuts" in training courses which occasionally come to light are actually absurd when we consider their destructive tendencies and realize the fact that dishonesty is not only condoned but inadvertently taught. The people actually come to feel that any way the time may be cut is not only legitimate but highly desirable. They fail to realize that any cut in time simply robs them of the advantages of training and leaves the impression that training is simply a necessary evil.

Some of these vicious practices are enumerated below:

1. Counting the preaching service as a class session. One noticeable exception is that books may be

taught in prayer meeting, but never preached in a sermon as a means of credit in the Sunday School Training Course. A class session is absolutely required.

2. Counting attendance at associational meeting as class time. This cannot be counted as training school time any more than attending Sunday school or observing family altar can be counted.

3. Reducing the time. Ten forty-five minute periods are required or at least seven and one-half hours must be spent in teaching time before any awards can be granted. It is simply a concession for pupils to allow them to earn the award by attending as many as six periods, and of course, do the necessary written work.

4. Drifting from class to class in schools providing more than one class. This in no case meets the requirements for credit.

There is another problem in training which is an individual matter. This is the practice of refusing to attend a school on the basis of, "I've had that book. It would be well to ask, "Does the book have me?" Only those who are interested merely in securing an award or those who have little if any appreciation for training would hide behind such a thin excuse.

We should constantly seek to raise the standards of our work rather than lower them. Let us not be guilty of cheating ourselves under the guise of saving time.

NEXT WEEK IS IT

Next week, May 2-9, is Christian Home Week in Southern Baptist churches.

This has come to be a very fine and helpful week, with more churches participating each year.

A leaflet explaining the plans of the week is available on request. Make definite plans to use this week in the very best way.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Dinan Is No. 1091

One of the latest churches to join the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Dinan Church in Walthall county.

The pastor is Rev. Allen Brabham from New Orleans Seminary. From now on 47 families of the Dinan Church are going to keep up with what Baptists do at home and abroad. That means that the pastor will find his work easier and the Dinan Baptists will do even more than they have been doing as loyal Baptists.

Record readers in Walthall county are now listed as follows: CRYSYAL SPRINGS, 47; DINAN, 47; ENON, 86; KNOX, 14; LEXIE, 41; MAGEE'S CREEK, 76; MESA, 38; NEW ZION, 18; SALEM, 64; TYLERTOWN, 157; UNION, 48.

Pearl Church In Rankin Adopts EF Plan

During most of his pastoral life Rev. H. B. Speights has had the EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of his church program. Therefore, it was no surprise when he recently became pastor of the newly organized Pearl Church in Rankin County that he had them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

The members of Pearl Church seem to have made the EVERY FAMILY Plan one of their first

Bus Seats Available For Ridgecrest Trip

The First Baptist Church, Jackson, again this year is chartering a bus to make the trip to Ridgecrest for the second Training Union Week, July 15-21. Some extra seats are available, and anyone interested who has Ridgecrest reservations, should call the church office, 2-2684 at once. The bus will leave from the First Baptist Church at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 14, and will return on the evening of July 22. Round trip fare will be approximately \$23.

objectives. Recently an EVERY FAMILY list of 50 names was received from this church. That means that the members of Pearl Church are going to keep up with what Baptist are doing at home and abroad.

Rankin County Record readers are now listed as follows:

ANTOCH, 36; BETHEL, 49; BRANDON, 129; BRIAR HILL, 51; CATO, 35; CLEAR BRANCH, 54; CONCORD, 28; COUNTY LINE, 33; Dry Creek, 15; EAST SIDE, 47; Fannin, 15; HICKORY RIDGE, 36; JOHNS, 32; LEESBURG, 64; LIBERTY, 35; CROSS ROADS, 46; MOUNTAIN CREEK, 34; MT. PISGAH, 46; OAKDALE, 49; PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL, 66; FLOWOOD, 40; PEARSON, 47; PE-LAHATCHIE, 87; PUCKETT, 41; REHOBETH, 35; RICHLAND, 118; ROCK BLUFF, 26; ROCK HILL, 21; STAR, 52; STEEN'S CREEK, 143; UNION, 26; VALUE, 32; Thorn Hill, 18; PEARL, 50.

MACEDONIA ORDAINS JIMMIE THOMAS SMITH**REV. JIMMIE T. SMITH**

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, ordained Jimmie Thomas Smith to the ministry on Sunday, April 18.

Mr. Smith has been called as pastor of Old Byram Church in Hinds County for half-time services. He is available for preaching on the other two Sundays. He is a senior at Mississippi College, is married, and has one child.

Rev. A. W. Talbert is the pastor of Macedonia.

Bethlehem Church, Simpson County, moved the new pastor into the new home with a great welcome and full pantry. This church has been full-time three years, but has not had a pastor living on the field. Rev. R. A. Langley is the pastor.

N. O. Seminary To Graduate One Hundred And Ninety-Five May 5

The first class to be graduated on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's new \$4,000,000 Gentilly Campus will be the largest in the institution's history. Degrees will be awarded to 195 ministers, educational workers and musicians on Wednesday morning, May 5.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises. The Alumni Speaker on Tuesday morning, May 4, will be Dr. Joseph W. Clapp, Jr., of the faculty of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

The doctor of theology degree will be awarded to nine students and the master of theology to four. Bachelor of divinity degrees will go to 114; master of religious education, 22; bachelor of religious education, 14; master of sacred music, three; bachelor of sacred music, two; diploma in sacred music, three; and diploma in Christian training, 25.

—BR—

Blue Mountain, Miss., April 10—The summer session of Blue Mountain College will begin June 2 and end August 13. The first term starts June 2 and the second term July 8. Men will be accepted as day students. Courses will be offered in Art, Bible, Natural Science, Education, English, Library Science, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Spanish, Music, and Psychology.

Dr. John W. Landrum Is Newhebron Evangelist**DR. JOHN W. LANDRUM**

Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of First Church, Grenada, will preach in the revival services of Newhebron Church, Lawrence county, May 2-7.

The pastor of the Newhebron Church is Rev. J. B. Watkins.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 34th annual session of the Grenada County Association. It was held with the Holcomb Church, September 1, 1953. The next meeting will be with the Pleasant Grove Church, Gore Springs, on September 7, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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Mr. Harvey T. Gibson, Director of Association Work, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the principal inspirational speaker during the first week of the District Training Union Conventions, May 3-7, 1954. You will want to see him, meet him, and hear him.

Mr. Gibson will also lead a discussion in the Adult-Administration conference each afternoon of this week. At 8:35 p. m. he will bring the message of the evening, "In The Power of His Might." Watch this column each week for a schedule of the district conventions and a picture of the principal speaker.

SCHEDULE OF CONVENTIONS

First Week of May — 1954

Date	District	Place of Meeting	Associations Included
May 3	14	Tylertown Baptist Church—Covington, Walthall, Jeff Davis, Lawrence, Marion	
May 4	15	Liberty, First—Lincoln, Mississippi, Pike, Franklin	
May 6	13 N	Main St., Hattiesburg—Pearl River, Lebanon, Lamar	
May 7	13 S	Moss Point, First—Gulf Coast, Jackson	

RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION HAS SIMULTANEOUS ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Enlargement was the emphasis in seven of the Training Unions in Riverside Association under the leadership and direction of Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Associational Training Union Director, and Mr. G. G. Pierce of the State Training Union Department, during the week of April 4-9.

LYON

Mr. and Mrs. Auber J. Wilds of Oxford were the visiting workers at Lyon Church. The total enrollment for the week was 106. Two new unions and three new departments were organized. Eight new workers were enlisted. Rev. C. H. Skutt is the pastor and Mr. R. G. Hurt is Training Union Director.

LAMBERT

The average attendance at Lambert for the week was 92 and 84 people will receive study course awards. The Training Union was set up on a departmental basis with 4 new unions and 24 new workers. Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley taught the Adults and Young People and Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg taught Junior and Intermediate leadership. Rev. Joe Mayor is the pastor and Mr. Jimmy Long is Training Union Director.

WALNUT

Mr. G. G. Pierce directed the campaign at Walnut Church and Mrs. C. F. Barnes of McComb taught Junior and Intermediate Leadership. Total enrollment for the week was 135 and an average attendance of 104. The pastor at Walnut Church is Rev. John Hudson and Training Union Director is Mr. William Smith.

LITTLE TEXAS

Rev. J. N. Holloway of Macon taught "Building A Church Training Program" during the week of enlargement emphasis at Little Texas Church. The pastor is Rev. W. P. Cowan. The average attendance for the week was 55 and awards will be granted to 32 members of the Training Union. Mr. Jimmy Febrick is the Training Union Director.

YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

Tutwiler-Tallahatchie Association—"Youth Week created a fine fellowship between adults and young people. The Adult Church was pleased with the excellent work done by the Youth Week officers. There were seven additions during Youth Week," writes Mrs. Earl Edwards.

Lucedale—George County—"Youth Week developed leadership and responsibility," writes C. S. Miller.

Harmontown (Harmony)—Lafayette Assoc.—Pastor A. N. Abercrombie in writing about Youth Week in their church: "On Sunday April 4 our church broke all Sunday School records for attendance. We had advertised our Youth Week program and had given to the County Paper (Oxford Eagle) the names of those who would hold office for the week. There was much interest evidenced even by people who were not members of our church."

TATE STREET CHURCH HAS YOUTH WEEK

Tate Street Church, Corinth, has just observed Youth Week with 51 Intermediates and Young People participating. This is the first such observance in the history of the church.

Tate Street is holding its Spring Revival April 25-May 2, with Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor at Mendenhall, as evangelist. The church Music Director, Willie Mobley, is in charge of the music. Rev. M. Glenn Smith is pastor.

—BR—

Rev. L. S. Cole, former pastor of Mississippi churches, has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Temple Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, and plans to give his time to evangelistic work. After his resignation the church adopted resolutions concerning his fine and fruitful service to the church. The church also voted to pay his expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Every Church Revived In '55" Is Slogan For 1955 Evangelistic Effort

By C. E. Mathews
 Secretary of Evangelism

At the Southwide Leadership

Conference on Evangelism, December 14-16, participated in by every Southwide agency and every state agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, it was unanimously voted to adopt the slogan, "Every Church Revived in Fifty-Five," for the 1955 Simultaneous Revival Crusade.

The Purpose of a Slogan

A slogan for movements participated in by the people of God should rightly express the objective of the movement. That is exactly what the above slogan does. Surely it meets with God's approval and divine purpose for his churches to be revived—not just one church or a few churches, but every church. That is the objective for the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade. If the churches are revived, multitudes will be saved and baptized.

Throughout the history of the human race, slogans have inspired people to action. It was a slogan that brought forth our freedom as a nation from the unbearable taxation placed on the colonies by Great Britain. "Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute" was a clarion call to the patriots to offer their lives in sacrifice for a principle that made for us a free nation.

When God sent Gideon and his faithful three hundred into battle against the hordes of Midianites who had oppressed and persecuted the Hebrew children beyond their ability to endure, the cry of "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon" struck terror to the enemy and sent him flying in confusion and utter rout.

Southern Baptists, burdened down for a quarter of a century with a back-breaking debt, finally saw a beam of light shining through the stifling fog of debt and with a slogan that still rings in our ears, "Debt Free in 43," rallied our churches into the mightiest crusade of debt liberation in the



LUCEDALE BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

Shown above is Rev. Van H. Hardin of Lucedale Church turning the first shovel full of dirt on the lot for the new 47 room Educational Annex which is to be constructed at a cost of \$91,000. Also under construction is a \$21,000 parsonage which is to be completed by July 15.

Trinity, Itawamba Co. Ordains Three Deacons

At a recent service in Trinity Church, Itawamba County, James E. Sandlin, C. B. Mayhall, and Holland Little were ordained as deacons. The church now has eight deacons.

The pastor, Rev. W. G. Beam, was in charge of the ordination service. Rev. L. R. Majors, Nettleton, gave the charge to the church. Rev. J. C. Graham, Fairview Church, gave the charge to the deacons. Rev. R. B. Patterson, area missionary for Tishomingo and Itawamba Counties, preached the ordination sermon.

Trinity Church now has three mission Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 100.

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 In a revival with First Church, Sherman, Texas, Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor (former Mississippi pastor), the Lord gave a gracious meeting with about 40 additions, some 25 of these for baptism.

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Thought For the Month

The thing of greatest importance is not whether we live a long time or achieve great popularity and success, but rather how we live each moment — for the glory of God or ourselves.

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." — (Matt. 10:42) — Rita McDowell, State B.S.U. Devotional Chairman.

Focus Day Comments

We feel that it was a great success. — James Rogers, Delta State.

The twelve who went to Hattiesburg are reminding us yet of truths they heard there. — Mrs. George Nichols, Co-Lin.

Some of them (students) said that they felt we could not have had a better team to work on our campus. — Don Stewart, Miss. Southern.

We want another one next year, for sure! — Marion Leavell, Ole Miss.

... was one of the best things that we have had on our campus this year. — James Breland, Delta State.

... had a real spiritual effect

on the ones that attended and the carry over value is still going on. — Roy Isbell, Miss. State.

Focus Day at Delta State big success!! My students were inspired and impressed. ... Good idea — hope it will be an annual event. — Jo Anna Crouch, Sunflower, Jr.

Focus Day on our campus was a big success! Everybody wants to know when you are coming back for a longer visit. — Joan Stockstill, Jones, Jr.

SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Rev. Knud Wumpelmann, of Denmark, a student at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kas., is available for speaking engagements between May 1 and June 27. He may be written at the Seminary.

NEGRO LEADERS

We rejoice in the selection of three part-time Negro B.S.U. Directors in the State. They are: Frederick Brown, Jackson College, Alma Taylor, Alcorn A & M, and Mrs. Mabel Anderson, Miss. Vocational College. Let's remember these fine workers and Dr. W. A. Kel, Secretary for our Negro Work, prayerfully, Dr. Kel is doing a great work.

Red Lick Church Ordains Four Deacons

The Red Lick Church of Union Association ordained four deacons on Sunday, April 4.

They were: J. Harvey Smith, P. Mack Smith, William L. Kling, and J. W. Herring.

The Council included the Associational Missionary, Rev. W. B. Boatner; a former pastor of Red Lick church, R. O. Bankston; and pastors and deacons from the Fayette, Lorman, Unity and Red Lick Churches. Rev. Jonas Mixon, pastor of the Red Lick Church acted as moderator of the Council; Rev. R. J. Sanderson of Unity Church served as leader of the questioning committee. Rev. R. O. Bankston delivered the sermon, giving the charge to the Candidates.

Bradley Morris Wallace Is Licensed To Preach



Bradley Morris Wallace, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Wallace, was licensed to preach on April 4 at Longview Church where Rev. James E. Pugh is pastor.

He accepted the call to preach on March 27 and preached his first sermon at Morgan Chapel Church, Oktibbeha County, on March 28. He plans to enter Clarke College in June.

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MISS DELORES HOLMES

Blue Mountain, Miss. April 20 Delores Holmes, Tupelo, who has been elected president of the student government council of Blue Mountain College for the session of 1954-55.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE April 25, 1954

Laurel, Second Ave.	498	137
Clarksdale	387	67
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	432	97
Edwards	102	59
Vicksburg, First	812	247
Laurel, West	562	168
Laurel, First	635	158
Meridian, 41st Ave.	365	132
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1104	413
Jackson, Robinson St.	180	72
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	624	300
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	188	97
Pearl (Rankin)	121	105
Jackson, First	1586	513
Jackson, Van Winkle	710	356
Richland (Rankin)	131	68
Jackson, Highland	198	111
White Rock Mission	11	
Jackson, Broadmoor	566	175
Jackson, West	330	151
Jackson, Ridgecrest	284	131
Jackson, Calvary	1365	327
Mission	107	53
Flowood	115	126
Jackson, Crestwood	814	540
Jackson, Hillcrest	191	106
Jackson, South Side	437	168
Marks	238	82
Grenada, Emmanuel	293	113
Main Church	272	108
Futheyville Chapel	21	5
Kreole	105	68
Cowart (Tallahatchie)	126	76
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	30	30
Wayside (Yalobusha)	48	
Brownsville, Beulah	107	67
Holly Bluff	123	91
Columbus, First	934	310
New Prospect (Lincoln)	137	143
Pascagoula, First	970	323
Main School	758	220
Jackson Ave. Chapel	76	42
McArthur Chapel	86	42
Orange Grove Chapel	50	19
Spanish Fort	78	48
Picayune, Roseland Park	235	97
Union (Alcorn)	59	64
Fair River (Lincoln)	116	56
Purvis, First	257	102
Mission	14	
McComb, Locust St.	91	64
Meridian, South Side	436	162
Stonewall	181	84
Winona, First	506	115
Clarksdale, Riverside	209	103
Cleveland, First	731	160
Main School	674	
Shady Oak Mission	17	
Chinese Mission	40	
Springfield (Adams)	98	41
Cranfield (Adams)	105	54
Morton (Scott)	357	131
Main Church	334	
Mission	23	
New Sight (Lincoln)	139	77
McComb, East	433	204
McComb, Friendship	182	94
Petal-Harvey	424	139
Main School	372	
Harvey	52	
Hattiesburg, Temple	580	170
Amity (Chickasaw)	54	51
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	209	118
Meridian, Highland	489	173
Biloxi, First	674	237
Laurel, Highland	269	129
Corinth, Tate St.	325	110
Bethlehem (Jones)	269	186
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	174	134
Gulfport, First	993	304
Bellefontaine (Jackson)	101	67
Hebron (Jones)	67	65
Darling	96	62
Friendship (Jackson)	77	68
Columbus, First	932	309
Crystal Springs, First	739	179
McComb, Locust St.	91	64
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette)	100	94
Long Beach, First	268	88
Main Church	226	

Winona Sunday School Takes "Hill 500" Sunday

Superintendent M. C. Billingsley of the First Baptist Sunday School of Winona is offering congratulations to all of his workers for taking Hill "500" Sunday, April 25th. The Sunday school set a goal to have a record attendance on the closing Sunday of the Spring Revival of 500.

When the last one had been counted there were 506 present. The general officers, Nursery No. 1, Nursery No. 2, and etYhoun People's department went over their goals.

A special word of appreciation went to the Cradle Roll department for making a special effort to have all of the babies who do not attend Sunday school regularly to be present. The Cradle Roll visitors helped the regular workers in the three nurseries. Rev. C. B. Hamlet III is the pastor.

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Abbeville Church Is Making Progress

Abbeville Church in Lafayette Association, Rev. B. B. McGee, pastor, plans an all-day service Sunday, May 9, including the dedication of its educational rooms.

Youth Week was observed recently, concluding with a week-end revival with three for baptism. Rev. Paul Brown, pastor of Anchor Church, was the evangelist.

The interior of the church has been repainted and plans made for additional improvements.

29th St. Mission	42
Sandersville (Jones)	228 78
Lucedale	395 151
Tupelo, Harrisburg	542 219
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	99 93
Philadelphia, First	364 109
Pelahatchie	233 78
Main School	193
Mission	40
Newton, First	478 223
Liberty (Winston)	127 101
Hardy (Grenada)	134 97
West Point, Calvary	212 130
Harmony (Tippah)	151 71
Columbus, Southside	176 93
Main Church	159
Mission	17
Tutwiler	168 107
New Prospect (Lafayette)	96 69
Greenwood, Calvary	425 172
Sand Hill (Jones)	71 52
Bethel (Pearl River)	180 86
Oral (Lamar)	75 63
Yazoo City, First	502 147
Picayune, First	630 154
Houston, First	316 135
Aberdeen, First	451 121
Skene	143 89
Shiloh (Marion)	69 61
Gulfport, New Hope	176 67
Murphy Creek (Winston)	143 128
Laurel, Wildwood	186 77
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	90 59
Kosciusko, First	798 278
Laurel, Harmony	137 64
Charleston, First	432 149
Hernando, First	191 80
Calhoun City, First	311 136
Longview (Oktibbeha)	105 63
Grenada, First	598 115
Columbus, East End	224 90
McComb, North	139 56
Lambert, First	166 87
Greenville, Second	660 220
Olive Branch	127 62
Canton, Center Terrace	285 119
Brookhaven, Hamilton St.	123 70

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

The Ora Church was organized on April 10, 1904, with 29 charter members, and six persons came in under the watch care till they might be able to get their letters. Rev. J. W. Steen was called as first pastor, and O. L. Benway, a saw-mill man was elected deacon, who came by letter from Rock Island, Illinois, having already been ordained. An offering for missions was taken amounting to \$7.75, whereupon Deacon Benway cashed in to make it \$10.00. He was also chosen as superintendent of the Sunday School. James Prestridge was elected clerk of the church and Z. Duckworth treasurer.

40 YEARS AGO—

The churches at Edwards and Pelahatchie adopted plans to give to missions monthly instead of once a year. (Seemingly the first to do so.) Dr. P. I. Lipsey is pastor of the Pelahatchie Church; and Student R. L. Powell of Mississippi College is pastor of the church at Edwards.

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor C. O. Estes tells of a very successful meeting at Brooksville during which 30 joined the church, 21 of them for baptism. Rev. E. F. Wright of West Point did the preaching and the pastor led the singing.

Moselle Church Has Record-Breaking Day

Sunday, April 18 was a record-breaking day in the Moselle Church as the revival closed with an attendance of 210 in Sunday School, the highest in history.

Rev. Johnnie Foy, pastor of Union Senior Church, Seminary, was the evangelist. There were two for baptism and one for rededication.

The young people of the church led in the revival. Thomas Merritt served as pastor, John Parker as Sunday School superintendent and Arden Weeks as Training Union director.

Rev. H. L. Davis is the pastor.

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DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS UNDERWAY

The first six District Music Festivals were concluded with the festival at Laurel on April 19th. The participation for the first six festivals has exceeded all expectations and broken all previous records with an enrolment in the enrolment of participation with 1354 people, and the total number of people present reaching 2356. Below is a list of the choirs and ensembles participating in the first six festivals with ratings. Because of lack of space, and the large number of hymn players participating it will be impossible to list the hymn players in this column, but mimeographed lists giving the ratings of all hymn players will be mailed in connection with the certificates.

If the festival for your area has not been held, it is not too late for you to have choral and hymn playing entries in your festival.

Festival held at First Church, Meridian:

Highland Church, Large Ensemble—Excellent; First, Meridian Church Choir, Excellent; Macedonia, Small Ensemble, Good; First, Quitman, Excellent; Macedonia, Cherub, Good; New Hope, Junior Choir, Good; First, Quitman, Adult Choir, Excellent; Decatur, Excellent; Quitman, First, Mens Choir, Superior; Macedonia, Young People, Good; Scooba, Excellent; Shubuta, Good; 15th Avenue, Excellent; New Hope, Adult Choir, Excellent; Newton, Superior Union, Superior; First, Quitman, Young People, Superior.

Festival held at Parkway, Jackson:

North Side, Large Choir, Excellent; Daniel Memorial, Carol Choir, Superior; Ludlow, Junior Choir, Excellent; West Jackson, Jr. Girls Choir, Superior; Morton, Junior Choir, Excellent; Bethlehem, Carol Choir, Excellent; Hillsboro, Small Ensemble, Excellent; Center Terrace, Intermediate Girls Ensemble, Excellent; Pearson, Small Ensemble, Excellent; Springfield, Small Ensemble, Good; Edwards, Quartet, Good; Daniel, Girls Ensemble, Excellent; Ludlow, Small Ensemble, Excellent; Morton, Excellent; Flowood, Small Ensemble, Excellent; Crystal Springs, Large Choir, Good; First, Canton, Large Choir, Excellent; Ludlow, Cherub Choir, Excellent; Daniel, Cherub Choir, Superior; Springfield, Cherub, Excellent; Morton, Cherub, Superior; Liberty, Large Choir, Excellent; Bethlehem, Large Choir, Excellent; Daniel Memorial, Cahn- cel Choir, Superior; Bethlehem, Cherub, Excellent; Griffith Memorial, large Choir, Superior; Springfield, Carol Choir, Excellent; Center Terrace, Carol Choir, Excellent.

Festival held at Lumberton:

First, Columbia, large Choir, Excellent; Dixie, large Choir, good.

Festival held at First, Gulfport:

First, Gulfport, Superior; East Howard, large Choir, Good; First, Gulfport, Girls Ensemble, Excellent; Handsboro, Small Ensemble, Excellent; First, Gulfport, large Choir, Excellent; Pascagoula, First, Superior.

(Continued Next Week)

There was a lively Easter Parade at the Orphanage on Easter Sunday Morning. It was a beautiful sight to see the boys and girls all dressed up in their new outfits on their way to Sunday School and church. The Beginners, Primaries and Juniors went to the Auditorium on the Campus for Sunday School and then on Crestwood for the church service. The Intermediates and Young People leaving the Campus for Sunday School and church service at Crestwood. These fine boys and girls made a beautiful picture with their clothing brand new gleefully and happily going to study about Jesus and to worship Him.

A postal card signed by J. B. Thompson has been received at the Baptist Record office. It gives some information about a revival meeting but there is no postmark on the card and no return address. The name of the church is not given. If Mr. Thompson will send his address we will handle the information.

Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor of First Church, Columbia, will lead evangelistic services for Wisconsin Avenue Church in Washington, D.C. May 9-10. The pastor, Rev. James A. Bryant, asks that Baptist Record readers send the names of their friends who are in Washington, to him at 4620 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington 16, D.C. He will endeavor to enlist them. Mr. Bryant is a Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Atlanta, Ga., April 9, (BN)—The Baptist Home Mission Board has elected Berner F. Wilson Assistant Superintendent of Church Loan Funds. He is Secretary Treasurer of the Decatur National Farm Association which makes and services federal farm loans, having been employed by this company for 21 years. An active member of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, Mr. Wilson has served on the church building committee and in a number of other important positions.

Anyone planning to go to Glorietta for the week of June 10 and having space for an extra passenger should write the editor of the Baptist Record. A young lady who is now a student at Mississippi Woman's College and who is to serve on the staff at Glorietta is seeking a ride.

Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, is reported much improved after a very critical illness.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Stewart, Ellsville; Charles Chaney, Jackson; David L. O'Brian, Clinton; Rev. T. E. Fant, Laurel; G. E. Richards, Laurel; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Betty Joyce Upton, Clinton; Mary Hix, Clinton; Rev. Joe A. Mayer, Lambert; D. R. McIntyre, Jackson; Dr. Ross E. Dillon, Houston, Texas; Tommy Davis, Jr., Jackson; W. A. McIver, Forest; J. D. Hayes, Durant; Mrs. Raymond McIntyre, Jackson.

Rev. Foy Rogers, superintendent of missions in Pontotoc County, was the evangelist for the revival at Toccopola Church, Rev. B. B. McGee, Pastor. There were six additions for baptism and five by letter. Record attendance at both Sunday School and Training Union was registered on the closing day.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR



MISS KATHERINE IRWIN

Miss Katherine Irwin of Jackson has been elected as educational director by First Church of Lumberton. Miss Irwin will graduate from Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, in May and is expected to assume her duties in the Lumberton Church June 6. Rev. J. W. Wood is pastor of the church.

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Southern Senators

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No group election would be required and no tax would be levied directly upon a church or religious organization since the minister himself would pay the tax at the "self-employment" rate which presently is fixed at 2 1/4 per cent of gross income up to \$3,600 a year. At age 65 he would be eligible for accrued benefits.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Inclusion of all persons in the United States over the age of 65 in the present social security system was urged here by Msgr. John O'Grady, executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

He testified before the House Ways and Means Committee which is considering expansion of the social security program.

Msgr. O'Grady said that the exclusion of a large number of persons over 65 from benefits because they did not work long enough in covered employment or were engaged in such occupations as farming, not covered by the present program, is working a serious hardship.

He warned that old-age benefits are needed for middle class people as well as the indigent aged.

Mrs. Bess Robinson and Miss Sarah Chapman, Housemothers for the Junior Girls and Pre-School Age Boys of the Baptist Orphanage have had to give up their work on account of illness. Miss Carnelia Boykin who has been acting in the capacity of relief Housemother has also had to give up her work for the present time for a much needed rest.

The following have been added to the Orphanage faculty within recent months: Mrs. Eunice Odom, of Collins, relief housemother; Mrs. Mamie Ross Lee, of Jackson, hostess and dining room supervisor in Pre-School Cottage; Mrs. Mattie G. Lowther, of Jackson Housemother for Primary Girls; Mrs. Helen Wilson Hutchinson, of Kosciusko, housemother for Junior Girls; Mrs. Grace Bradham, of Osyka, housemother for Pre-School Boys;

James Rogers Is

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self more important than His task." In closing he declared "God's messenger has to deliver when God's message is not received."

New Officers

Other officers elected were: Bryant Reed, Mississippi State, enlistment chairman; Martha D a r b y, Jones Junior College, social; Martha L. Bickerstaff, University of Mississippi, devotional; Joyce Lee, Belhaven, secretary; Joe Thomas Odle, Mississippi College, stewardship; Jimmy Bishop, Pearl River Junior College, program; Patty Huddleston, Blue Mountain, extension; Jane Brigance, Mississippi Woman's College, music; Mary Edythe Bullock, Hinds Junior College, publicity; Louie Farmer, Jr., Mississippi Southern College, Student Director representative; Dr. Tony Sorensen, Mississippi State College, faculty advisor, and Rev. Russell M. McIntyre, pastor, Clinton Baptist Church, pastor advisor.

Presiding over the Retreat was Jesse Phillips, Grenada, University of Mississippi student. The largest delegations were those from Mississippi College, Clinton, and Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, with approximately 25 each.

The Retreat got underway Friday night and adjourned at noon Sunday following regular morning worship service at Cleveland's First Church, Dr. William Harry Clarke, pastor.

The Retreat program included inspirational messages, special music, conferences, seminars and planning sessions. Leading the music was James McCaleb, of Talladega, Ala.

The musical highlight was the presentation of the newly-formed state BSU choir, under the direction of Miss Iris Dean Starkey, minister of music of the First Church, Columbus.

The new state officers were installed Saturday night in an impressive service under direction of A. L. McGaugh of the faculty of Clake College, Newton.

The Retreat is sponsored annually by the BSU Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Board, Charles W. Horner, Jackson, secretary.

DR. CLAXTON SPEAKS

Dr. W. Perry Claxton, pastor of First Church, Greenville, spoke Saturday night on "God Is Depending on You."

He declared, "Your testimony must be founded upon a real conversion, your acceptance of God's call must be without reservation, your preparation must be approved unto God, your conduct must be above reproach, and your love must be a constant devotion to Christ."

Rev. O. B. Robertson, pastor of Raleigh Church and state pastor-advisor, delivered a challenge to the young Baptists on Saturday using the subject "Our Task."

Colleges represented were: Miss. College, Hinds Junior, Co-Lin Junior, Miss. Southern, Woman's College, Jones Junior, Pearl River Junior, Perkinson Junior, East Miss. Junior, Clarke, East Central Junior, Miss. State, MSCW, Ole Miss, Blue Mountain, Itawamba Junior, Delta State, Sunflower Junior, Holmes Junior, and Millsaps.

Third "Reminders" For Security Plan Votes Mailed Last Week

The third mailing of "reminders" to those members and churches in the Minister's Retirement Plan in the state who have not voted to join the new proposed Minister's Security Plan went out from the Baptist Building last Friday. It has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Two previous "reminders" had already been mailed, offering every member of the Plan and every church in the state the opportunity to vote to join the new Minister's Security Plan.

Mississippi is approaching its two-thirds quota of 231 "units" and every member and every church that plans to enter the new Plan is urged to send in its card immediately.

A "unit" is a combination vote of a member and his church.

Several cards have been received from members without the corresponding card from their churches. These member-cards cannot be counted until their church cards are received.

On the other hand several cards have come in from churches without the corresponding card from the pastor.

These pastors and churches are urged to send in their cards immediately so a "unit" can be formed and the quota reached.

Sparks & Splinters

During the first week there were 217 additions to the 21 churches cooperating in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, according to a report by Hinds County Missions Superintendent, Thos. B. Chaney. Total attendance was 61,899. Of the 217, one hundred and seventeen were for baptism. Ten have surrendered for full-time service.

The Orphanage is happy to have Mrs. Ruth Sutton back with them to act as Relief Housemother for some weeks. Mrs. Sutton served the Lord for more than 16 years as Housemother for the Teen-Age girls, with the work and ministry of the Orphanage, acquainted with all the children. Mrs. Sutton had the misfortune to lose all of her clothing and personal possessions of a life time in a fire that recently destroyed the home of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marks, with whom she was living.

Rev. B. B. McGee, pastor, did the preaching for the revival at Mt. Moriah Church, Lafayette County. Rev. Mr. McGee serves this church through an afternoon appointment. There was on addition to the church.

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
JUDGMENT ON JEROBOAM
Bible Lesson: I Kings 11-12

I. GOD NEVER SMITES WITHOUT WARNING

Search the Bible from cover to cover and all of life as it has been recorded or is being lived now, and thus truth stands clear. He warned Jeroboam by the example of the wickedness of Solomon in allowing his heathen wives to turn him away from Jehovah unto the worship of the gods of all sorts of wickedness and impurity. Jehovah likewise warns by precept. His word to Jeroboam was that the kingdom was to be divided because of the sin of the people in forsaking the good for the bad. Again, His warnings are conditional. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7).

II. GOD'S PROMISES ARE ALWAYS CONDITIONAL

Every promise in all His record of His dealings with men is made upon the Biblical conception of the sanctity of contract. Now the Biblical contract is an agreement (in the Bible this contract is always a written one) between two parties, with an "if" clause. God makes man's, or a nation of men's salvation and happiness contingent upon certain conditions which man must meet. If man meets these conditions, God has promised to fulfill His part of the contract. The contract is as sacred as the honor of God.

God made a contract with Jeroboam. "I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee" (I Kings 11:31). This is the promise of God, His part of the contract. This will He do and perform, and to this promise will He be true upon condition, and what is the condition? "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that which is right in Mine eyes, to keep my statutes and My commandments, as David my servant did, then I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee" (I Kings 11:38).

This is God's way, His unchanging method forever. It was so He came to Jeroboam; it is thus He comes to every man in the world! "Whosoever believeth on Him" (There you have it! That is man's part.) "Believe!" That is all.) Now look at God's part: "should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). There's God's part. The very honor of God is pledged to perform His part. To employ the language of the railroad man, we started out on the main line but headed into a passing track. Let's switch back onto the main line now.

III. THE WORD AND WISDOM AND POWER OF GOD ARE MEDIATED THROUGH HIS CHOSEN SERVANTS

Moses shall go down into Egypt and tell Pharaoh what Jehovah

has to say to Egypt. Moses is to lay the plagues upon the godless land, to command Jehovah's people to eat the passover lamb and put the blood of the lamb on the entrance to the house, to lift his rod over the waters of the sea and divide them, to speak God's word to the people, to plead for them, to be patient with their wickednesses and sins, to organize a mob into a nation, and institute for them the worship of the true God, to lead them into battle against the enemies of the Almighty.

And thus the work of God goes on from generation to generation. Moses goes into the long sleep, safe in the arms of the Eternal, and another leader, one upon whom Jehovah has laid His strengthening hand, leads the chosen people into the chosen land, and the name of Joshua stands among those of the great captains of history. Follow the line to rugged old Elijah the Tishbite, ordained by the Merciful to show the world for all the time what God thinks of the religious teachers who sell their souls to the devil to perform his hellish will in becoming the official murderers of little children, for such were the prophets of Baal whom Elijah slew beside the brook Kishon.

Pursue this line through the New Testament and through all the years which have elapsed since the Lord went back to glory, and see whether you do not find a ten-thousand-fold illustration of its abiding truth. So the aged Ahijah who had brought Jehovah's message to Jeroboam in the first place, a promise of success and prosperity and hope; but now must bring, because of Jeroboam's sin and breach of the agreement with the God of his people, must eat the bitter fruit of failure and drink to its dregs the draught of death. Ahijah was the same man in both instances, and he spoke for the same God, the God who changes not through all the years, but abides the same. "But the two messages were so different!" "Yes, because the men to whom they were sent were different!" But it was the same man, Jeroboam, the king! "Oh, the two men bore the same name, and in bodily form, they bore certain resemblances to each other, but in character they were different men. Jeroboam had changed, and the change was all for the worse."

IV. NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF OR DIETH TO HIMSELF.

I am well aware that Bible language which I have here paraphrased is used by Paul in asserting that man both lives and dies unto the Lord, but the statement is just as true in every walk of life. Men do not live or die alone, but in relation to:

1. Their Families. Take the case of this poor wife of Jeroboam. He was Jeroboam, son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, and in that sin his wife was involved, because she was a worshiper of a heathen god, and had helped to turn Jeroboam away from Jehovah; but, even if she had not been involved in the act of sin, she would still have been involved in the consequence of sin. The penalty of sin that lights injustice on the head of a sinner brings grief to the heart of the sinner's wife and may even, as in this case, bring death to the

DRY CREEK BUILDS ANNEX IN TWO WEEKS



Dry Creek Church in Rankin County, recently built their first Sunday School rooms. They voted one Sunday morning for the building project of three rooms and took up a special offering at the evening service. Construction was begun the next Monday morning and Sunday School was held in the rooms two weeks later.

By free labor and continued financial gifts by the membership the building is now completed, debt-free.

The church has also voted to put a new floor in the main auditorium and to make other necessary repairs.

Rev. Bob Louk is the pastor.

REV. L. D. HOWELL

On March 25, 1954, Rev. L. D. Howell, through the providence of God, was called to his award—an award he so richly deserved.

Through his passing, the Men's Bible Class of East McComb Baptist Church lost a humble and learned teacher, the church a loyal, devoted, and untiring member.

Although afflicted with an ailment which he knew he could not overcome he remained faithful to his duties, teaching his class when it was evident he should be resting. Ill for a long time, he carried on with courage and great spirit, never calling attention to his illness or seeking pity or sympathy.

His life has left us an enduring testimony, a pattern whereby one can humbly seek to remain in the will of God daily, consistently following the principles set forth by our Saviour.

The example and influence of a Christian husband and father is reflected in the Christian family he leaves to carry on his principles. We have lost a true Christian teacher and friend, and express to his widow and children the loss we sustain.

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MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

sinner's child.

2. Their Communities. Over and again the moral structure of a community is made or marred by the quality of its leadership. It has been said over and over again that the pastor who has served the same congregation for ten years will have made that congregation after his own image and likeness. This may not be fully and literally true, but there is much of truth in it nevertheless.

3. Their Countries. Jeroboam had made this country to sin even as he had sinned, and in consequence of that fact the nation was to be swept away, as a farmer sweeps away the refuse of his barnyard. Let any nation in the world become corrupt in its leadership and after a while it becomes corrupt through every stratum of its society and on every level of its living.

Auditions For Music Scholarships Are Set At Woman's College

Baptist pastors are asked to announce to their graduating seniors that the music faculty of Mississippi Woman's College (now coeducational) will hold auditions for music scholarships on Saturday morning, May 1, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

There will be scholarships available in all band instruments, voice, and piano. The basis for awarding these scholarships will be in performance, previous training, general musicianship, and academic work. Anyone who is interested or who feels that he can qualify is requested to write to Mr. George R. Cribb, Music Department, Mississippi Woman's College, as soon as possible.

Students who audition will be the guests of the college for lunch and for the May Day program that will be held that afternoon. Please let the college know no later than Thursday, April 29, if you plan to audition and whether or not you will be here for lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Just Off the Press!

"A Lawyer Reviews The Illegal Trial of Jesus"

The author: Earle L. Wingo, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, attorney for past 31 years; Past President, Mississippi State Bar Association and author of the text book: "Miss. Criminal Law and Procedure."

The first printing was sold out in three weeks, and the second printing is now coming off the press.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 3—Christian Home Week; District Training Union Conventions.
May 4—Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, Lincoln Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Maurice Kennedy, Oktibbeha Associational Brotherhood President.

May 5—W.M.U. Special Day; Rev. Dan Thompson, Marion Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

May 6—Jo Anna Crouch, Student Secretary, Sunflower; Thurman Bryant, Pontotoc Associational Training Union Director.

May 7—Tom Chaney, Hinds County Associational Missionary; Mrs. C. A. Schotte, Baptist Building.

May 8—Rev. B. T. Bishop, Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Franklin County; Paul Owen, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

May 9—G. A. Focus Week; Miss Frances Skulley, Mississippi College faculty.

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Tom Lackey And Peter Cullom To Appear At State Pastor's Assembly

Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and Peter Cullom, editor of "Fishers of Men", will be the two visiting program personalities to appear on the program of the State Pastors' Assembly scheduled for Camp Garaywa July 5-9.

The Assembly this year will be primarily for pastors with the laymen to have their assembly beginning at noon on July 9 through the next day.

"Every pastor in the state has been urged to consider attending as a well planned program of relaxation, information, inspiration and recreation has been arranged," according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

The assembly, which will begin Monday afternoon and close at Noon Friday will be sponsored by Dr. Quarles and the Department of Rural Church Work, Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary.

In addition to features by Dr. Lackey and the Rev. Mr. Cullom there will be a series of Bible studies by Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College on "The Christian Man."

Rev. Troy Prince, pastor, Carthage Church, will speak several times on "Church Administration."

"My Favorite Text" will be discussed by several outstanding Mississippi pastors.

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, state director of evangelism will emphasize the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade.

Rev. O. B. Robertson, pastor of Raleigh church, will have charge of the recreation.

The afternoon will be given to both recreation as well as interesting conference periods on important phases of the work.

On Thursday night a recognition service will be held for those churches receiving awards for the "Church Progress Charts."

Dr. Lackey will speak on "Growing a Stewardship Church" while Mr. Cullom will talk on "Fishing for Men."

CONGRESSMEN DEBATE "BOOZE BILL"

There was a warm argument on Capitol Hill the other day between Rep. John D. Rooney (D., N. Y.) and Rep. Edward H. Rees (R., Kan.), over a \$50,000 item in the State Department appropriation bill for "representation allowances."

This is a polite cover-up name for what is commonly called "the booze bill," to provide entertainment for foreign diplomats.

"Suppose we are going to buy our Ambassador up at the United Nations a \$12 luncheon," argued Congressman Rooney. "Would the gentleman from Kansas object to including a dry martini or an old-fashioned?"

"I have never heard of drinking an old-fashioned that did any good, have you?" inquired the legislator from Kansas. "I have seen the use of it do a lot of harm."

"They tell me that on cold nights it does some good," observed the New Yorker.

Center Terrace Preacher



REV. THURMAN BOOTH

The revival meeting at the Central Terrace Church, Canton, begins Monday night May 3 and will continue through Sunday, May 9.

Rev. Thurman Booth, pastor of Valence Street Church, New Orleans, will preach and Ralph Young, evangelistic singer of Pascagoula, will direct the music.

A twenty-four hour prayer meeting will be held at the church on Saturday preceding the meeting from 6 a. m. until Sunday at 6 a. m. The deacons will be in charge with a deacon leading each of the prayer meetings — changing with the hour and the people will come to pray at the hour of their choosing. Rev. Solie Smith is the pastor.

Don't Wear White Shoes When Going To SBC

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — Men, leave your white shoes and Panama hats at home when you go to St. Louis for the Southern Baptist Convention, else many a native will see you and say, "Look, there goes another man from the South." This is the warning of James T. Shirley, chairman of the local publicity committee for the Convention. He says that white shoes and straw hats are not worn much in St. Louis in early June.

About the only thing that you can be sure of as far as the weather is concerned is that it will be mild, about 70 degrees, with the nights somewhat cooler. Shirley suggests that you bring lightweight clothes and a raincoat. It rains about seven days out of each June and it just might be the seven days that the Convention is in session.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Televised advertising showing persons pouring, drinking, or opening containers of alcoholic beverages would be made a federal offense under a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Homer H. Budge (R-Idaho). A fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment for not more than one year would be imposed for violations. Rep. Budge said many parents strongly object to the effect of such advertising upon the morals of youth.

You Don't Really See Me

BY ANNE DWYER

Editor's Note: This is the testimony which Miss Anne Dwyer, a nurse, gave before the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as she was asking appointment to serve the newly acquired hospital in Gaza. The other 19 April appointees gave equally inspiring testimonies.

As you look at me tonight you don't really see me. You see a mother who was concerned for her children—one who was willing to live her life in and through her children, one who placed housework and duties secondary. So exemplary is her life that I have spent hours before the mirror trying to look like her.

As you look at me tonight you don't really see me. You see grade school and high school teachers who were not so concerned for financial return as they were for youth—those who gave themselves wholeheartedly to the task of training.

As you look at me tonight you don't really see me. You see college and nursing school professors who were concerned for individuals. They were not too busy to counsel or to be helpful in any way.

As you look at me tonight you don't really see me. You see seminary professors who are God-called—those who dreamed dreams, had visions, and saw needs, those who helped others to do the same.

You see Sunday school teachers, preachers, and faithful laymen who have been interested in individuals—who have been concerned in the destiny of young people and lent encouragement and advice.

As you look at me tonight, you don't really see me. Though the picture is blurred and distorted, you see a vague picture of the Christ who has saved me—the one in whose strength and grace I stand tonight and share with you. He has not just saved me, but he has called me into his services.

How happy I am to be a member of the army of the Lord, where we volunteer or we do not serve at all—where we serve Him because we love Him and follow Him because we are His friends.

Church Group Operates Gas Station

CHICAGO (RNS)—Retail gasoline selling is the latest enterprise of local Disciples of Christ.

They hope to sell enough gas and oil in a service station acquired by the Chicago Disciples Union to pay for an \$80,000 site acquired for a proposed church and community center.

Disciples were asked by the committee of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago to develop a church to serve Parkway Gardens, a \$9,000,000 cooperative apartment project being built on the site of the old White City amusement park.

More than 500 families already have purchased interests in five and six-room apartments designed to ease the housing shortage in the South Side Negro community.



Shown above is Union Church in Rankin County, where a building dedication and note-burning service will be held on May 16. There will be morning and afternoon services, with dinner served on the grounds. Rev. J. H. Lane is pastor.

Foreign Board Allocates Advance Program Funds

Southern Baptist Cooperative Program funds for the advance of foreign missions, totaling \$998,520 in 1953, were appropriated at the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. (Foreign missions advance program money is the Foreign Mission Board's share in Cooperative Program funds over and above the fixed budget of the Convention.)

The 1953 funds, received in early January this year, were held until the April meeting in order that the general financial picture of the Board might be studied before their allocation.

Upon the recommendation of its administrative committee, the Board appropriated \$500,000 for buildings and equipment on the mission fields; earmarked \$300,000 to be applied against the 1955 budget of the Board; set aside \$148,520 to be appropriated as needs arise during 1954; and voted that the remaining \$50,000 be put aside to apply against possible renovation of the old or new quarters for the headquarters offices.

The \$500,000 for capital needs was divided between the Board's three major areas of work as follows: Latin America, \$175,000; Africa, Europe, and the Near East, \$175,000; and the Orient, \$150,000.

Major items on which the money will be spent in Latin America are \$17,000 for field automobiles; \$25,000 for property for a student home, Chihuahua, Mexico; \$20,000 to be applied toward hospital construction in Guadalajara, Mexico; \$32,400 for hospital construction in Barranquilla, Colombia; \$26,000 for a church building in Cali, Colombia; \$35,000 for seminary property in Santiago, Chile; \$4,000 for a mission home in Asuncion, Paraguay; and \$10,000 for a Baptist school in Recife, Brazil.

In Nigeria, \$50,000 will go toward the building and equipping of a school for missionary children in Oshogbo; \$20,000 for a Baptist Academy, Lagos; and \$13,000 for a building workshop and equipment in Oshogbo. In Southern Rhodesia, \$1,800 will finish a missionary residence.

In Italy, \$10,870 will buy printing and visual educational equipment; and, in Spain, \$20,000 will provide living quarters for married stu-

dents at the Bible School, Barcelona.

Southern Baptists' newest mission area, Gaza, Egypt, will receive \$46,120 for a maternity center, nurses' home, and equipment and repairs for the 82-year-old, 92-bed hospital which Southern Baptists are taking over from the Church Missionary Society of England.

In Jerusalem, \$9,875 will be used for missionary housing; and \$2,500 will help Baptists of Liege, Belgium, erect a building.

Some of the major projects on which the money will be spent in the Orient include \$35,000 for faculty housing at the Baptist girls' school, Kokura, Japan; \$27,500 for two church buildings on Formosa; \$34,000 for the building of chapels and the completion of missionary residences in Hong Kong; \$15,000 for a lot and missionary residence at Davao City, Philippines; \$12,500 for the purchase of additional property for the Baptist seminary in Panang; \$10,000 for two chapel buildings in Malaya; and \$12,000 for evangelistic work and equipment in Malaya.

Centreville Evangelist



REV. JAMES HORTON

Rev. James T. Horton, pastor First Church, Monroe, La., and a former Mississippian, will be the evangelist for the revival at Centreville's First Church May 2-9.

Rev. Elmer Howell is the pastor. James Taylor of the New Orleans Seminary will lead the music.

NEW PROFESSORS ADDED AT GOLDEN GATE



DR. J. LYNN ELDER

Two new professors have been added to the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., it has been announced by Dr. Harold K. Graves, president. They are Dr. J. Lynn Elder as associate professor of Psychology of Religion and counseling and Dr. James W. McClendon as assistant professor of Theology.

Dr. J. Lynn Elder comes to Golden Gate from the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana. He was trained under the Council for Clinical Training and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary program.

Born and reared in Biloxi, Dr. Elder holds a B. A. degree from LSU and has received the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ken.

Dr. James W. McClendon, who has been pastor of the First Church of Ringgold, Louisiana for the past eighteen months, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas. Upon receiving the B. D. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. McClendon continued his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned the Th.M. degree. In 1953, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary conferred upon him with honors the Th.D. degree.

Dr. McClendon has the distinction of having conducted in the city of Princeton, New Jersey, the first revival meeting since the days of D. L. Moody, and also, of being the first Southern Baptist pastor to serve an Australian Baptist Church.

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The volume entitled **THE CHURCH WE LOVE** by Wilbur La Roe, Jr., former moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., and published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, the publishing house of the Methodist Church, consists of 79 pages and is well-prepared and attractively printed. Mr. La Roe is an able lawyer but there are indications that he leans to the modernistic view in theology. The only kind of a church that true Christians should love and support is the sound, evangelical type which is the apostolic Christianity. He also refers with approval to the National Council of Churches and to the World Council of Churches, which are both controlled by modernistic leadership in theology.—Robert E. Meek.



DR. JAMES MCCLENDON

SHERMAN A. PARISH

Sherman A. Parish, 54, planter and contractor of Philipp, died at Greenwood Leflore Hospital Monday after a short illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at Philipp Baptist Church with the Rev. James Haggard officiating. Burial was in Odd Fellow Cemetery, Greenwood. Wilson and Knight had charge.

Mr. Parish was a member of the Philipp Church, also a deacon and a long respected resident of the Philipp community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Mae Parish; 4 sons: James A. Parish, Mineral Ridge, Ohio; Norman, Hal, Bob Parish, Philipp; three daughters: Mrs. Leroy Howe, Sara, Miss.; Mrs. W. C. Moore, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, Columbia, S. C.; two brothers: Z. A. Parish, Fairhope, Ala.; W. D. Parish, Crowder, Miss.; and six sisters: Mrs. Nora Denman, Mrs. W. D. Bailey, Mrs. Adam Christman, all of Daphne, Ala.; Mrs. Troy Bailey, Ethel, Miss.; Mrs. G. O. Ellis of Crowder, Miss.; and Miss Lena Parish, of Rosedale, Miss.

Our memories will bind us closer and bring us day by day To know that we shall meet again For you are just away.

—Mrs. Parish and Family.

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WINNING THE CHILDREN, by

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, is a challenging appeal for winning the children today. "Tomorrow's world will soon be in the hands of the children of today. No longer can we assume that it will be a Christian world because other forces are striving to win the children." The book is based on the evangelical conviction that children become Christians only through an experience of personal faith in, and commitment to, God in Christ. Dr. Dobbins points out the need for winning the children but he warns against the force and pressure tactics of the superficial evangelists. Throughout the book, and especially in the closing chapter, he emphasizes the importance of winning the whole life. The price is \$2 and it's worth it. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

Missouri WMU Promotes Only Program Of WMU

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —(BP) What do Missouri Baptist women do about recurring overtures from the World Council of Churches concerning co-operation in World Day of Prayer? Eva Berry, state WMU secretary has answered this question clearly in an article that appeared in the Word and Way, state paper for Missouri Baptists.

"Always the answer is that the position of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union regarding such matters must of necessity be that of the Missouri Baptist General Association," she said. "As an auxiliary to that body dedicated to the task of helping in the promotion of the missionary program of Missouri and Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union could follow no other course than that pursued by the General Association. It is a well known fact that the latter body is not affiliated with the Council of Churches.

"Apart from the quite sufficient reason given above the Missouri Woman's Missionary Union promotes only the program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention which includes seasons of prayer with offerings for home, foreign, and state missions. We believe our women can most effectively contribute toward the progress of world missions by supporting their denominational causes.

"In some instances Baptist women feel they can make contributions to missions by participating in the observance of the World Day of Prayer. Certainly we recognize and staunchly adhere to the fundamental Baptist principle of freedom of the individual to choose in matters of belief and action. However, it seems to have been the experience of most WMU members that the reading of prayers and ritualistic services which, as a rule, characterizes the world Day of Prayer programs do not provide sufficient stimuli to justify the encouragement of participation in these services. Furthermore, there are objects included in the offerings ingathered at the time of these observances for the support of teachings and practices by certain groups which Baptists cannot conscientiously endorse.

"Our blessings are upon any groups who are dedicated to the cause of making Christ known as Lord and Saviour, but we sincerely believe we as Baptists can best get across the message we think the world needs and should have by giving our time, money, and influence to the support of causes by our own denomination."

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"John I" is another in the 57-volume work, **THE BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR**, which is "the largest collection of homiletical material of all time." Edited by Joseph S. Exell the work treats every passage of every book of the Bible. There are complete sermons, condensed sermons, sermon outlines, expository notes, practical lessons, geographical and historical information, illustrations and anecdotes. There is an introduction to each of the books under consideration. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, for \$4.95.

Why Not Hold It Yourself, Pastor

By Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans

This is a plea for fellow pastors to consider holding their own Revivals in their churches.

For nearly a year we had scheduled a Revival for March 7-14 to be led by a splendid evangelist. Six weeks before the meeting it was necessary for him to cancel. I laid the matter before the Pastor's Cabinet, and they asked, "Pastor, why don't you hold it yourself? We will support you." They took the matter to the deacons, then to the church where endorsement was given and full cooperation pledged.

We called it, "Everybody's Revival." It was just that. Our people have never gotten into a Revival as enthusiastically as they did this. We secured a most capable singer, Dr. J. Herrick Hall of Washington. We used all the plans we ordinarily use for the visiting preacher: cottage prayer meetings, extensive advertising, and a planned program of visitation. The house was filled at every service. The Lord gave us 86 additions to the church during eight days, half of them by baptism. After the meeting the Revival spirit continues. We had 23 additions — six by

baptism — the week following the Revival.

We Southern Baptists are fortunate in having many capable men who are giving their full time to evangelism. We will continue to use these brethren. But it is good for a pastor and good for his church, for the pastor to occasionally hold his own Revival. First, it will develop stronger pastor-evangelists. It will kindle and-or fan the fire of evangelism in the pastor's own heart. It will give stability and strength to the pastor's leadership in the church and community. Second, it will bless the local church leadership and membership in the great work of evangelism. It will give them a greater sense of sharing. They will develop the feeling, "This is our Revival. Our pastor is preaching. Everyone of us must support him with our prayers, attendance, and personal work." It will bring into full play the entire church organizational set-up, geared to the main task of a church—evangelism.

Churches, why not consider asking your pastor to hold a meeting soon? Then give him your wholehearted support as my church gave me!

Lloyd Stormont Is Ordained To Ministry



LLOYD STORMONT

The Iuka Church ordained Lloyd Stormont for the ministry, Sunday, April 11 upon the request of the Deer Creek Church of Evansville, Ind.

Lloyd is a native of Iuka and a Christian product of the Iuka Church. He was licensed by this church and went immediately to get the kind of training necessary for the best ministry. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and is now a third year student at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he will graduate in January of 1955.

He is now pastor of the Deer Creek Church near Evansville, Ind.

The ordaining council consisted of the following: Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., Rev. C. C. Perry, Rev. Edgar Monroe, Rev. Glen Smith, Rev. Braxton Sams, Rev. J. A. Blount, Rev. W. A. Hamilton, Rev. Carmon Savell, Deacons, E. N. Allen, Bill Jones, W. T. Waters, and W. C. Hundley. Rev. Carmon Savell is the pastor at Iuka.

Zondervan Wants Articles About Preachers' Wives

The Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is buying free-lance filler material about preacher's wives, according to an announcement made by Al Bryant, book editor for the firm.

Unusual, humorous and heartwarming experiences are needed. All material must be documented, with names and places designated and, in the case of magazine and book research, title, volume and page number given. Preference is for anecdotal material, strong on human interest, but other varieties of factual information, including statistics, will be considered.

Payment will be one dollar and up for each filler, depending upon the uniqueness and value of the manuscript. Stamped, return-addressed envelope must accompany each submission, if author wishes return of unused copy.

Deadline is December 31st. However, since only a stipulated amount of material can be used, preference will be given to early submissions.

Address all mail for this department to: Ken Anderson, P. O. Box 36, Muskegon, Michigan.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. —(BP)— Mothers, if you were wondering how and where your babies, three years old and younger, would be entertained while you attend sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, May 31-June 5, your worries are over. There will be a 100-bed nursery for them at the convention. Ladies from St. Louis's Baptist churches will be in charge and there will not be a fee. However, you will have to make provisions for any food for the children while they are in the nursery. Baby sitters can be employed from an organization in St. Louis to care for the older children. The fee varies from 75 cents to \$1.25 per hour.